

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC MSG  
SUBJ: ALABASTER CASE: REQUEST FOR YUGOSLAV WITNESSES

REF: STATE 196844

1. WE FULLY SHARE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE VISITS, OR EVEN TO CONTACT RESPONSIBLE YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS DURING AUGUST. BEYOND THIS, WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO PRESS FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED, WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT ALL, OR EVEN MOST, OF THE SEVEN OFFICIALS LISTED WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE US. WE WOULD NEED, AT LEAST, TO KNOW FOR HOW LONG THEIR PRESENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED AND HOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY IS AVAILABLE IN TIMING, E.G. WHETHER ALL WITNESSES HAVE TO APPEAR AT THE SAME TIME. CLEARLY THE PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY TESTIMONY WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF THE INVESTIGATORS COULD COME TO BELGRADE.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE ON THE POINTS RAISED ABOVE SO THAT WE CAN TAKE THE REQUEST UP WITH YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES.  
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